



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

Washington, DC 20463

MEMORANDUM

TO: Commissioners
General Counsel Norton
Staff Director Pehrkon

FROM: Office of the Commission Secretary *V7V*

DATE: October 23, 2001

SUBJECT: Statement of Reasons for MUR 5219

Attached is a copy of the Statement of Reasons for MUR 5219 signed
by Chairman Danny McDonald, Vice Chairman David M. Mason,
Commissioner Karl J. Sandstrom and Commissioner Scott E. Thomas.

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BEFORE THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

IUE-Local Union #323

MUR 5219

STATEMENT OF REASONS

On July 17, 2001, the Commission rejected the Office of General Counsel's recommendation that this matter be dismissed simply because of its lower significance relative to other pending matters. Instead, based on information that IUE-Local Union #323 donated \$100 to the Louise Slaughter Re-election Committee, the Commission voted 4-2¹ to find reason to believe IUE-Local Union #323 violated 2 U.S.C. § 441b(a). The undersigned believed there was some deterrent value in notifying the respondent of such a finding.

In view of the circumstances of the matter, however the Commission determined to take no further action and close the file. In particular, the small amount of money (\$100) involved in the apparent violation mitigated against any further action. The Commission also issued an admonishment letter to respondent urging the respondent to take steps to ensure that this activity did not occur in the future. Accordingly, in the proper ordering of its priorities and resources, *see Heckler v. Chaney*, 470 U.S. 821 (1985), the Commission exercised its prosecutorial discretion and voted to take no further action and close the file.

October 23, 2001

Danny L. McDonald
Chairman

David M. Mason
Vice Chairman

Karl J. Sandstrom
Commissioner

Scott E. Thomas
Commissioner

¹ Commissioners Wold and Smith dissented.